

## State Priority Grant – OVERVIEW

### 1. What is the State Priority Grant?

The State Priority grant supports maintenance of effort funds that qualify Arizona for the Federal Perkins funding.

### 2. Where do these funds come from?

State Priority funding is based on: ARS §15-784 C that are funds appropriated from the general fund of the state sufficient monies to meet the requirements of the acts of Congress.” The AZ Legislature allocates ~\$9.2 million/year for **program improvement** for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders in occupational specific training.

**\*Note:** The AZ Legislature has not increased this amount in over 20 years...despite AZ’s growth in number of programs and students.

### 3. Two Funding factors...enrollment & placement

75% Enrollment PER APPROVED COURSE

$$= \left( \frac{\text{no. 11}^{\text{th}} \& \text{12}^{\text{th}} \text{ enrolled}}{2} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{minutes/week}}{225} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{weeks/term}}{18} \right) \times \left( \text{Program Ranking} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{Funds State Rcvd}}{\text{Weighted Count}^{**}} \right)$$

**RELATED PLACEMENT** – A related placement is one that directly uses or builds on the Career Preparation Standards acquired in a high school commencement level CTE program and enrolled as a CTE program concentrator. A student can also be considered a related placement in postsecondary education or training program and employment or military service. A related placement for any valid CTE concentrator from the previous school year may also be eligible for funding paid from the State Priority Grant.

**\*Note:**

- 1) A student can only be paid once for related placement.
- 2) For FY15(Aug-Sept.) the Related Placement per student was \$183.41 (2003 that count was \$317.88)

### 4. How may State Priority funds be allocated by districts?

Districts may only spend Priority funds on approved CTE programs.

Balance the improvement of CTE programs using the strengths of each funding source.